



# Cooper Regional History Museum

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## Chaffey Communities Cultural Center

Serving Upland, Ontario, Montclair, Mt Baldy, & Rancho Cucamonga

# The Record

*For the members and friends of Chaffey Communities Cultural Center who share our mission of supporting history and culture in the Chaffey Communities.*

## Spring 2017

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## A Message From The President

The Cooper Regional History Museum has had a very successful year. First, the Chaffey Communities Cultural Center at 525 W. 18th Street in Upland has been busy last year. The church building is the Historic St. Marks church building built in 1910 and moved to 18th Street in 1965. We have a wedding planner, Liza who owns a business named Fleur de Lis Wedding Chapel. Liza has been steadily increasing her business this last year which helps the Cooper Museum. We also have increased the number of mortuaries that hold funerals in the chapel from one to three. So our business has increased three fold. This is good news for the Cooper Museum since we do not charge a fee to the citizens to visit our museum. A church group occupies the chapel on Sundays.

We have been renting our Childrens Courtyard at the Cooper Museum more often then in the past years. We have also held concerts once a month from April through October which has drawn a lot of people to the Cooper Museum. We also have Open Mics once a month from April through October as well. This also brings in some funds, and it is a lot of fun for participants. We have an inhouse band, the Acoustic Sage who runs the show for us. Visit our website [coopermuseum.org](http://coopermuseum.org) for information.

Our major events start with the Marines Toys for Tots Classic Car show on Armed Forces day where we honor the Veterans of the United States of America. This car event will be held on May 20. This has been a very popular car show and has done well for us as a fund raiser. We always have 125 classic cars in the show and provide food for the car owners and offer a pancake breakfast for the crowd to purchase.

Last year in October we held an Oktoberfest in Historic Downtown Upland. This event had several bands that played into the night. The Oktoberfest brought over 6,000 people to our towncenter.

Our final major event of the year is always the Upland Christmas Parade, which is held on the second Saturday in December. Last years parade was the 40th annual Upland Christmas Parade. The city of Upland requested that the Cooper Museum take over the Christmas Parade four years ago and we have been in charge of the parade since then. The parade has grown every year and last year's was the biggest and best ever. These events take a lot of planning and a lot of volunteers. I am very fortunate to have such a great Board of Trustees that work very hard along with a great group of volunteers. The City of Upland has always been a co-sponsor for the parade and the Board of Trustees thanks the city for all of their help.

Dave Stevens

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## Marines Toys for Tots Program

Vice President Ed Dietl has done a wonderful job of overseeing this program

The Cooper Regional History Museum is very proud of the fact that we have become a collection and distribution center for the Marines Toys for Tots Program in our area. Colonial Steve Ipson (Retired) was able to work with the U.S. Marines to become a collection and distribution center for Toys for Tots.

The Cooper Regional History Museum along with the Volunteers of th Inland Empire (V.I.E.) and local Lion's Clubs (Upland Host, Chino Valley, and Cucamonga Host Lions) and the Upland Chamber of Commerce have been hard at work to make Christmas a little nicer for our local needy children. We placed at least sixty Toys for Tots collection boxes in shops and business locations. Participation cities include Rancho Cucamonga, Upland, and Ontario and Toys R Us locations in the inland valley.

Response has been really amazing with over 2,000 toys collected and distributed to responsible organizations in the Inland Empire. For all of you who worked so very hard to advertise, set up boxes, collect and label toys and distributed them to our local disadvantaged children before the Christmas Holiday, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. There is nothing nicer than to see a smile from a child who probably would not have received anything from Santa.

Again we thank you all for making Christmas a little brighter in the Inland Empire. Hope you and yours had a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year.

Mr. Ed 1st Vice President of the Cooper Museum

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### The Cooper Museum's Courtyard Concert Schedule for 2017 Concerts all start at 8:00 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Gates open at 7:00 PM.

Saturday June 10, 2017	So Rare Concert
Friday June 23, 2017	Los Dandys Concert (from Mexico)
Saturday July 8, 2017	James King Concert (Old time R & R).
Saturday July 29, 2017	Battle of the Bands at the Cooper Courtyard 8:00 pm.
Saturday September 2, 2017	Groove Session Concert
Friday September 29, 2017	Roy Orbison Concert

OPEN MIC NIGHTS are held the first Friday on each month.

Open mic is held at the Cooper Museum's Courtyard 217 A street Upland CA. Come and have an opportunity to perform on stage. It is a great outdoor night filled with fun and good music.

## **Chaffey Communities Cultural Center's Living History Garden**

Barbara Drake, our Native American Culture Keeper, asked the Board of Trustees for permission to start a Living History Garden at our Cultural Center at 525 W. 18th Street in Upland. The Board of Trustees was happy to grant this request. The Living History Garden includes different time spans. It has Native American plants, grapes from the Spanish era, and corn from the Rancho era, and citrus from the time of early agricultural days.

**The picture below shows the beginning of our Living History Garden  
Potential Pitzer College students are preparing the area for a unique.  
Heritage Garden which Includes many Native American plants.**



**This is what the Living History Garden looks like now.**

**The Magazine, "News From Native California" has featured  
Barbara Drake our Culture Keeper from the Tongva Indian Tribe.**

Several years ago Barbara was approached by an architect to help with the development of a new school. That school was Coyote Canyon Elementary in Rancho Cucamonga. Barbara collaborated with the school committee and spent countless hours sharing her knowledge and writing a curriculum that included the histories of the first people in the area. Barbara went to see the area at the Chaffey Communities Cultural Center and it made her think of the school, Coyote Canyon. She drew a picture and took it to the board and she worked at the school and the children learned the history of where they lived. And how many children know the history of where they live? How about we tell the history through the people and their plants?

So beginning with our tribe and our beautiful native plants, we lived in them, we walked in them, we breathed around them, every living day and they were part of us, they gave us everything we needed to live. They gave us our houses, clothes, medicines, food, and tools and weapons. They even gave us glue. Children love this.

### **A Living History Garden was born.**

There are several areas in the garden. First is the Oak tree, which was very important to the Native Americans. Second is a garden from Spain, the third garden is Spanish Rancho Garden, then there is the Pioneer Citrus Garden. You can pick up a copy of the Magazine "News From Native California:" at the Cooper Museum to see much more information about the gardens which features Barbara Drake and her whole story.

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### **San Antonio Community Hospital's Newly designed Water Fountain**

Here is something of importance that a lot of us did not know about the fountain in front of San Antonio Community Hospital. This was brought to light by our Native American Culture Keeper, Barbara Drake.

### **Bringing The Fountain to Life**

Prior to the construction of the Emergency Department/Patient Tower Expansion Project, San Antonio had a fountain that provided beauty, comfort, and solace to patients, caregivers, and hospital staff. The expansion construction required the fountain to be removed. It has been replaced with a design created by a Frank Lloyd Wright trained architect, Robert Clark, and is located in another area.

Its re-recreation embodies our respect for history and tradition and is symbolic of the eternal cycle of life. Water attracted the Tongva Native Americans to our regions where rivers, streams, and creeks sustained them and their plants. As the area developed, the Frankish Fountain was constructed in Ontario as a symbol of the water available in the arid climate for farming and ranching. It is from these roots that the San Antonio Fountain was originally conceived and the new fountain was developed. Stones from the original fountain, donated by Coy Estes at the time, have been placed in circles with other stones to create an area that the Native Americans believed to be sacred.

Mr. Clark has placed the circle of life in this sacred shape within his design. The water jets are short on the perimeter and are programmed to approach the center in ever increasing heights-representing childhood to adolescence, then adulthood and grand parenting. The water then flows into the center pool over the vanishing edge, taken from sight to become the source of renewed life.

The tradition of the San Antonio Fountain continues in a much enhanced form that captures the invaluable role that water plays in the sacredness of life's journey. A lighting ceremony was held.

## RESEARCH NEWS

Much information is being gleaned by Scott Corbert, a local school teacher regarding early schools of the area. Also Stoddard Canyon is of special interest because of a book that is in progress co-authored by Paul Smedley, one of our members and a patron of the Museum.

## LEMON CRATE LABEL CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

The first-ever Lemon Crate Label Calendars are a big hit. The Crate Label Calendars that were printed by PFF were Orange Crate Labels only.

This calendar is a souvenir of our citrus days, and feature labels from Upland and surrounding towns.

A FREE calendar is offered with every new or renewed membership to the Cooper Museum. Just stop by to pick up your free calendar and membership card. Remember, a 10% off on books and most other items in the gift shop are included in your membership.

The calenders will continue as a FUNDRAISER for the museum at \$10.00 each. (And it is a gift that lasts all year!) The money derived from the sales is designated to re order more of our beautiful brass ornaments (Madonna of the Trail and Mule Car).

## SPRING BOOK SIGNING EVENT

Our annual Authors Day WAS held on Saturday, March 11th, with 8 authors bringing in \$200 in sales. We enjoyed nice weather and nice music!

Several books in our lobby have been reduced due to a reduction in the cost of their printing,

## IT'S ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Our library in the museum is offering some over-stocked books at a dis count to members. Books include: Stories of old Upland, pioneer cookbooks, Exploring Form by (John Svenson's sculpturer), local city books (Arcadia Publishers), Upland Trails by Don Clucase, and more. They are available now at the Cooper Museum.



**Marines  
Toys for Tots**

May 20th 2017

**Classic**

**Car Show & Toy Drive**

**\$5.00 PANCAKE BREAKFAST HOSTED BY COOPER MUSEUM**

**HISTORIC DOWNTOWN UPLAND**